

(a) the details of losses suffered by the sugar mills in various States, State-wise, during 1990-91;

(b) the reasons for these losses and whether any compensation was provided by the Union Government to the Sugar Mills; and

(c) what other steps are proposed to be taken to help the sugar mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). The financial results of sugar factories varies from region to region and from factory to factory. It depends upon various factors such as installed capacity, quantum of cane crushed, condition of plant and machinery, technical and managerial efficiency as also recovery percentage of sugar from sugarcane and duration of crushing. Details of losses suffered, if any, by sugar factories are not compiled. There is no provision to pay compensation to sugar mills for losses incurred, if any.

(c) Government have taken various measures to improve the viability of sugar factories which include continuation of levy freesale ratio at 45:55, grant of incentives by way of higher freesale quota on production achieved during early and late crushing periods, grant of loans from the Sugar Development fund at concessional rates of interest for cane development schemes as well as for modernisation/ rehabilitation.

Introduction of Licencing System for Regulation of Builders.

*87. SHRI SRIBALAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of URABAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce licencing system for regulation of the builders engaged in housing activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme is to be restricted to Delhi only; and

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to extend the scheme to other cities also and the time by when it is likely to be extended?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b). The Draft National Housing Policy envisages the involvement of genuine builders and developers in housing activity. The licencing and regulation of builders and property agents would bring discipline in the system. Action in this regard is, however, to be initiated by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations.

(c) No Proposal has been received from the Delhi Administration in this regard.

(d) Action has to be initiated by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administration concerned.

[Translation]

*88. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of television sets and electronic items has shown an increase during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the percentage increase in comparison to the increase during the last year?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). In the first quarter of the financial year 1991-92, exports of TV sets grew by 331% and Computer Software grew by 52% while exports of

other electronic items declined by 47% as compared to the same period of 1990-91. In the first quarter of 1990-91 in comparison to the same period of 1989-90, the exports of TV sets declined by 40%; Computer Software increased by 3% and other electronic items increased by 51%.

*89 **SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:**
 SHRI ARJUNSINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any proposal for the development of small and medium towns in Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on the development of small and medium towns in various States, State-wise, during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) (a) The Centrally sponsored Scheme of integrated development of small and medium towns is an on-going programme. For the current year, no project proposals have yet been received from the Governments of Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The amount of expenditure incurred by the Central Government by way of releases to various States under the IDSMT Programme during the last three years is given in the Statement laid on the Table of the Sabha.